Name of Work	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)		Remarks
	Rly's Share	State Share	Remarks
BHATINDA.			
ROB in lieu of LC 68A on Ludhiana-Amritsar section near Jalandhar Cantt. at Ramamandi.	304.50	299.17	Plan & Est. under process.
ROB in lieu of LC A-1 on Ludhiana-Dhuri section near Ludhiana.	234.26	735.13	Plan under approval with State Govt
ROB widening near RAJPURA on UMB-LDN line.	deposit work.	669.00	6% progress.

Construction of railway track from Panchatna to Silchar

429. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposal of Government of Meghalaya to construct a Railway track from Panchatna to Silchar along the International Border with Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, by when Government will start the process of construction of the said Railway line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has been sent for clearance by Defence authorities and the construction can be taken up only after the requisite clearance is over.

Construction of Daitari—Banspani line in Orissa

430. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Daitari-Banspani line which is under constructin in Orissa;

(b) whether East-Coast Railway Division has identified that project as a priority project in order to expedite the construction work;

(c) if so, the fund provision made in 1997-98 for the purpose; and

(d) the date by which the line is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Work on the formation and bridges between kms. 0 to 124 is at present in progress. The land beyond kms. 124 upto 155 is to be made available by the State Govt. to the Railways. For environmental clearance, State Govt. has already approached Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Rs. 25 crores have been provided during the current financial year.

(d) By March, 2000.

Setting up of Railway terminal at Dahanu Road

431. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received a request in 1996 to set up a Railway terminal at Dahanu Road on Western Railway in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government;

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor and by when the action will be initiated; and

(d) the present status of the proposal to extend the suburban railway services on Western Railway upto Dahanu Road?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Providing terminal facilities at Dahanu Road may not be convenient to the travelling public as it is 126 km. from Churchgate.

(d) At present DMU services are running between Virar and Dahanu Road.

Reserved Berths for Disabled in Trains

432. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to allot reserved berths for disabled in the train;

(b) if so, the reservation proportion thereof; and

(c) whether any notification has been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Ministry of Railways have issued instructions to Zonal Railways in September, 1995 to earmark two berths in sleeper class in all trains running on non-suburban section for handicapped persons performing thier journey on handicapped concessional ticket. The been accompanying the handicapped person as escort is also provided accommodation out of this quota.

Addition of AC 2 Tier and AC 3 Tire Coaches in Sabarmati Express

433. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to add AC 3 tier and AC 2 tier coaches in Sabarmati Express running between Faizabad and Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Railways have already decided to provide A.C.2 Tier sleeper coaches on all long distance overnight Mail/Express trains in a phased manner depending upon their availability from Production Units. However, provision of A.C. 3 tier sleeper coach on this train can only considered on its conversion into air brake as A.C. 3 Tier sleeper coaches are equipped with air brake system.

Conversion and Diversion of Gadhak-Solapur Section

434. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision was made in the Railway Budget, 1997-98 for conversion and diversion of Gadhak-Solapur Section of the railway line; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether parts of this provision have been diverted from this project, if so, how much of it has been so diverted and to which project; and

(c) whether work on Hotgi-Solapur Section has been affected thereby, if so, by when the work on the project was scheduled to be completed and how far it is likely to be delayed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. An allocation of Rs. 79.20 crores has been provided in the Budget,